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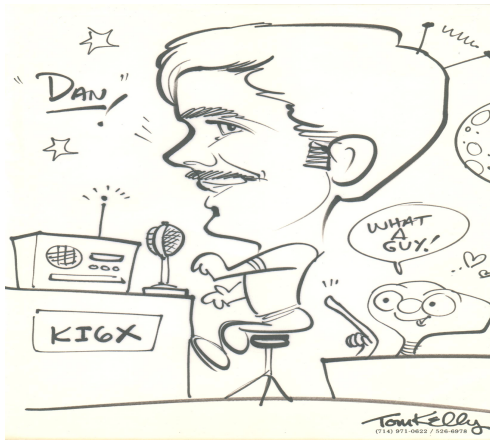
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### The Prez Sez...

By Dan KI6X



June 2026

OK, our big yearly event, Summer Field Day, is arriving faster than you can imagine (Sat-Sun, June 27-28, with Friday before as set-up). We will be at Springview School in Huntington Beach again. We will have many stations operating, and we are planning some good meals. Please come by and help with setup, operation, daily duties, and tear-down as you are able. I seem to have lost a month or two of time this spring! I cannot believe we are so close to FD when it feels like last month was just Winter FD.

Please read through this *RF* since there are some new notices of new things being done or starting. As a member of OCARC, I hope you are looking for ways in the club you could help with,

and will consider volunteering in an area you are interested in. As they say, "A club is its members."

The Board has decided to implement a method to remind members when their licenses are approaching expiration. Dave, N3BKV, has written a script that gathers the information from the FCC database and matches it with the membership list. We are thinking of sending 90-day, 60-day, and 30-day reminders, and, if possible, 30-day expired notices via email. If you see one, remember to renew your license. ARRL members should also get a reminder, and the ARRL will help you renew. W5YI VEC also may send out a postcard to all and, for a fee, will help you renew. You can renew yourself by logging into the FCC ULS system. Mine is due in September, and it has been 10 years since I last did it, so I am not fully remembering the process until I do it myself.

The picture is a caricature of me that was drawn at a wedding I attended many years ago. He asked about hobbies, etc., to get something to draw.

Dan Violette, KI6X  
President

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**OCARC  
W6ZE**

**Presents  
"Field Day 2026"**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7pm  
at the**

**American Red  
Cross**

**Orange County Chapter  
Santa Ana, Room 208**

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> (tentative), 2026  
See [www.w6ze.org](http://www.w6ze.org) for more info**

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### Monthly Events

#### Membership Meetings\*

Time: 7:00 PM  
When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each Month  
Red Cross Orange County, Room 208  
600 N Parkcenter Dr, Santa Ana  
(Replaced by the Christmas Party  
in December.)

#### Board Meetings

First Saturday of each Month  
*Board will handle Club business now  
IN-PERSON.*

#### Club Nets (Listen for W6ZE)

##### **10M ~ 28.375 MHz SSB**

Wed- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX  
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO

##### **2M ~ 146.55 MHz Simplex FM**

Wed- 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX  
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO

##### **75M ~ 3.883 MHz LSB**

Tue @ 8:00 PM  
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX

#### Other Nets

**Catalina Amateur  
Repeater Association (CARA)**  
**147.090 MHz (+0.600 MHz) No PL**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**9:00AM & 9:00PM**  
**Prg. Director. Tom W6ETC**  
**COME JOIN US**

### **OCARC 2026 DUES:**

*Membership period is:  
1 January to 31 December*

Individual New or Renewal: \$30  
Family New or Renewal: \$45  
Teen New or Renewal: \$15

***New Member Dues are prorated  
quarterly and includes a badge:***  
Additional Badges<sup>1</sup> \$3

Use one of our interactive online forms  
to calculate current prices, join, renew, or  
order badges:

<https://www.w6ze.org/FormsShortcut.html>

<sup>1</sup> \$3 or less + mailing. See form.

# RadioActivity

## June/July 2026

### Upcoming Activities:

#### June

- \*ARRL June VHF Contest: 1800 UTC Saturday, June 13 through 0259 UTC Monday, June 15.
- ARRL Kids Day: 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC Saturday in June 20.
- Field Day: 1800 UTC Saturday 27 through 1800 UTC Sunday 28.

#### July

- RAC Canada Day Contest: 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC Wednesday, July 1.
- Marconi Memorial HF: 1400 UTC Saturday July 4 through 1400 UTC Sunday July 5.
- IARU HF World Championships: 1200 UTC Saturday July 11 through 1200 UTC Sunday July 12.
- \*\* North American QSO Party (RTTY): 1800 UTC Saturday July 18 to 0559 UTC Sunday July 19.
- RSGB IOTA Contest: 1200 UTC Saturday July 25 through 1200 UTC Sunday July 26.

\* Indicates club entries are accepted

\*\* Indicates team entries are accepted

Note: When submitting logs for ARRL Contests, indicate your club affiliation as "Orange County ARC"

### State QSO Parties:

- West Virginia QSO Party: 1600 UTC Saturday June 20 to 0400 UTC Sunday June 21.

### Repeating Activities:

- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (Straight Key CW) on the first weekend of the month after the 6<sup>TH</sup> of the month. 1200 Saturday to 2359Z Sunday.
- SKCC Sprint (Straight Key CW) 0000Z to 0200Z on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday night (USA) of the month.
- CWops Every Wednesday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC, 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Thursday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC
- K1USN Slow Speed Test: (CW, 20WPM Max.) Every Friday 2000 UTC to 2100 UTC  
Every Sunday night at 0000 UTC to 0100 UTC Monday
- ICWC Medium Speed Test: (CW, 25WPM Max. Every Monday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Tuesday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC

### OCARC Club Nets:

- 75 Meter Net: Every Tuesday night at 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 3.883 MHz
- 10 Meter Net: Every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 28.375 MHz
- 2 Meter Net: Every Wednesday night at 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm Local Time. FM Simplex 146.55 MHz

### Other Links:

- [ARRL Contest Calendar](#)
- [VOACAP Online for Ham Radio](#)
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Send an email to Ron W6WG, [w6wg@w6ze.org](mailto:w6wg@w6ze.org) to have your favorite activity or your recent RadioActivity listed in next month's column.

# From Da Vinci to DX: Hunting Ham Radio in Northern Italy and San Marino

By Tim Goeppinger, N6GP

My wife and I had a fast-paced trip to northern Italy in mid-April. On any trip, I always keep my eyes peeled for ham radio-related things. I did manage to find a few, not a lot. I made new discoveries while writing this article.

In Milan, we visited the Leonardo da Vinci Museum of Science and Technology, the largest science museum in Italy. An entire floor was dedicated to da Vinci, featuring models of many of his inventions. It's easy to imagine that if he were alive today, he would be a ham, like us.

Another wing focused on communications and radio, though I was a bit disappointed that amateur radio wasn't included. They did, however, have a clever interactive Morse code exhibit. There was a key connected to a speaker, and when I tapped out a message, I heard random tapping in response about 15 seconds later. At first, I thought it might be AI-generated. A couple of rooms later, I spotted another key and speaker—and then it clicked: the two stations were connected. I sent out a CQ with my call sign, but didn't receive any replies.



Figure 1 One end of the morse code oscillator

They had another cool exhibit demonstrating how radio waves pass through certain materials. It had a transmitter and receiver, and you could lift plates of different materials across the beam.





Figure 2 The author lifting one of the plates

I made a point to visit the Santa Croce cathedral in Florence, to see the graves of many of the Who's Who of Italian historical figures – Galileo, Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Rossini, and Marconi. I thought this was Marconi's grave, but after researching this article, I found out its only a memorial to him. He is buried in Bologna.



Figure 3 Memorial to Marconi in Santa Croce

I only spotted one ham station in Italy, and it was in the coastal town of Rimini. Looks like it has a nice SteppIR dipole with several long-boom VHF yagi beams mounted above it. While writing this article, I decided to try Google Lens on this photo. It matched with Giorgio Para, IU4CHE ! Turns out I have worked him 4 times in the last 5 years, on CW, SSB, and RTTY!

<https://www.qrz.com/db/IU4CHE>



Figure 4 Impressive QTG of Giorgio, IU4CHE in Rimini

About a 45-minute bus ride from Rimini up the hill is the Republic of San Marino, which is the 5<sup>th</sup> smallest country in the world. It's about the size of the City of Orange. Unfortunately, San Marino has not signed the CEPT agreement on reciprocal licensing, so it is very difficult to obtain a license there. It's a shame, because the views of the countryside from way up on that hill will get any ham thinking what an amazing RF location that would be. Especially for VHF -oh my goodness. We visited Bologna on a Saturday, but unfortunately, the Marconi Museum and Mausoleum were closed that day. It is there that Marconi was buried. Maybe just as well that we missed it, since Marconi was not kind to radio hams, and he was an early supporter of Mussolini. Our trip was not intended to involve ham radio at all, but it was fun to stumble upon things that are related to our hobby. Maybe I will add a trip to Europe to my bucket list with the express purpose of getting on the air. How about during a VHF Contest? I can only dream.

## VE Report

On Friday, May 15, 2026, we had one candidate who took the test for Technician. The new Technician is Zhexi Cao (KO6NTK).

It has come to my attention that some folks are having trouble finding the registration link for the test. The link is <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/W6KOS-OC/all>. Select the date and fill in the information. The app will let me know that you registered.

Congratulations to the candidate who passed the VE exam team.

Ken Simpson W6KOS

Team Lead

# OCARC Reclaims Title as Winter Field Day Champs for 2026

By Tim Goeppinger, N6GP

The W6ZE team is back on top this year, following our hiatus in 2025. Previously, OCARC had established a dynasty of 7 WFD wins from 2018 thru 2024.

The weather was very much in our favor this year. We had sunny WX in the 70's, while the rest of the country was hit with an icy blast from Texas up to New England, bringing snow, freezing rain, and sleet. But – the weather did not seem to deter WFD participation. A record number of logs were turned in for 2026, 2,594 vs 2,473 for last year. Understandably, the Home category grew this year by 400 logs, with drops seen in Outdoor, Indoor and Mobile.

In our Outdoor category, we had quite a challenge from W6TRW, which outdid us in multipliers by operating on more bands, but we overcame our multiplier deficit with many more QSOs.

## Top 5 in the Outdoor Category

| Callsign | Class | Location | Total QSOs | Final Mult | Final Score | Objectives |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| W6ZE     | 4     | ORG      | 2352       | 21         | 64155       | 75%        |
| N9WH     | 2     | IL       | 1249       | 29         | 39875       | 92%        |
| W6TRW    | 12    | LAX      | 855        | 26         | 25532       | 83%        |
| AF0S     | 2     | CO       | 1094       | 18         | 21726       | 67%        |
| W1SYE    | 2     | RI       | 751        | 20         | 21700       | 75%        |

Overall we had tough competition from the Indoor and Home categories.

## Top 10 Scores Overall

|       |   |     |      |    |       |     |         |
|-------|---|-----|------|----|-------|-----|---------|
| W6ZE  | 4 | ORG | 2352 | 21 | 64155 | 75% | outdoor |
| W8VTD | 5 | OH  | 1859 | 22 | 47278 | 75% | indoor  |
| W8O   | 2 | OH  | 1131 | 29 | 44109 | 92% | home    |
| WX4E  | 4 | WCF | 2137 | 14 | 44002 | 67% | indoor  |
| W8MAI | 8 | MI  | 1214 | 24 | 42816 | 67% | home    |
| W4R   | 5 | GA  | 1680 | 18 | 42138 | 58% | indoor  |
| N9WH  | 2 | IL  | 1249 | 29 | 39875 | 92% | outdoor |
| AE4XO | 5 | GA  | 1680 | 18 | 39690 | 58% | indoor  |
| AD5OK | 2 | OK  | 2686 | 12 | 36360 | 33% | home    |
| W4AC  | 2 | WCF | 1437 | 18 | 34992 | 67% | indoor  |

## Introducing the OCARC Remote Station

By Dave Ginsberg, N3BKV

The Orange County Amateur Radio Club is introducing a new way for members to enjoy HF operating: the **OCARC Remote Station**. This station gives members the ability to operate a club radio remotely using the free FlexRadio SmartSDR PC software and a web browser. The goal is to make HF access easier for members who may not have antennas at home, who live with HOA restrictions or who simply want to try operating from a highly capable station setup.

Remote operation has become an increasingly practical part of amateur radio. With modern radios, secure login portals and broadband Internet connections, a station no longer has to be in the same room as the operator. The OCARC Remote Station is designed to be straightforward, you just log in, power up the radio, connect with SmartSDR and operate.

### How It Works

Once you are on-boarded for access, you will receive setup instructions for SmartSDR. After SmartSDR is installed, the basic operating process is simple:

1. Log in to the OCARC radio power portal.
2. Check the status display.
3. If the display is green, the radio is available.
4. Press the power button.
5. Wait about two minutes for the radio to come online.
6. Open SmartSDR software, select the radio and click **CONNECT**.

After the first login, the portal will remember you, making future sessions easier.

### Operating Notes

The remote station is setup with a large beam that supports operation on **20, 15 and 10 meters**. The beam is currently pointed toward Europe, making the station a useful way to explore HF propagation and DX opportunities on the higher bands.

Instructions are available for SSB, CW and FT8 operation.

As with any shared club resource, good operating practice matters. Please listen first, be courteous, avoid tying up the station unnecessarily and remember that others may be waiting to use it.

### Signing Up

To request access to the OCARC Remote Station, email:

**n3bkv(at)w6ze.org**

Use the subject line:

### OCARC Remote Station Signup

In your Email make sure to mention your name as it appears on the club member roster as well as your callsign. You will then be sent the setup instructions needed to install SmartSDR, so you can log in to the portal and begin operating.



## SO, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO DAYTON....

In 1952, the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) launched the Southwestern Ohio Hamvention in March of that year, at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Dayton. Hoping for 300 attendees, they ended up with over 600. The next year, it was rebranded as the “Dayton Hamvention”. For those of us who have attended over the years, whether for work or play, it has simply been known as “Dayton”.

In the early years, it was always the last weekend in April, the weekend following the International DX Convention in California (years ago in Fresno, more recently in Visalia, and attracting more DXers to attend), which was also the same weekend as the Daylight Saving Time change. The date was changed to May in 1996. The weather is changeable that time of year, and the first year at the current location the outdoor swap meet (which grew from about 600 spaces to 2700 spaces) was a flood of mud. When the event was in April, snow was not uncommon.

In the 1960s, as the event grew, the convention moved to the Hara Arena in Trotwood, OH, which became home to “Dayton” for more than 50 years. The 1980s and 1990s were the arena's booming years, but as the years progressed, it began to fall into disrepair. Talk to anyone who was part of “Dayton” at the time, and you will blanch at the horror stories as the arena began a slow decline. Hara was closed and eventually demolished, and the event moved to the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio in 2017.



Why Dayton, you ask? Simply put, the Midwest is the demographic sweet spot to introduce new products. If a product succeeds here, it will most likely succeed nationwide. Midwestern populations often mirror the average US consumer in age, education, and household income...more traditional, mass-market consumers. Dayton Hamvention has been traditionally used to introduce new ham radio products to the hobbyists who use them.

This year was a bit of an anomaly in that regard, as no grand pronouncements were made by any manufacturer. Icom showed a new “concept” model mobile radio, the X-026, and a replacement dual-band mobile, the ID-5200A/E. Yaesu focused on live demonstrations and customer education. Kenwood displayed a production model of a long-anticipated TM-D750A triband mobile. Flex focused on their new Aurora Series of HF/6m radios, and Elecraft announced two new portable products for POTA/SOTA, an AX4 portable vertical antenna and companion BL3 balun. In revamping their brand and relocating their factory to Ohio, Ten-Tec showcased their Model 594 Phoenix transceiver, and continues to focus on their Alpha product line of amplifiers and tuners.



This year's attendance was a record-breaker at almost 38,000. Dayton Hamvention is easily the largest ham radio gathering of its kind in the world and offers much more than just a social gathering of like-minded amateur radio operators. Workshops, seminars, educational forums, equipment testing, youth rallies, satellite events, emergency communications and public service

deployments, license testing sessions, special event stations, club groups...if it's amateur radio related, it's at Dayton. You'll find antennas and mounts, electronic parts and kits, test gear, power gear, cables and connectors, computers, software, and survival gear. It's all to be found at Dayton, so start planning early and attend at least once in your ham radio lifetime.

Want to bring a companion that's not into ham radio? Dayton is full of beautiful metro parks, the National Air Force Museum, the American Packard Museum, breweries, distilleries, biking and hiking trails, art galleries, cemeteries full of history, and an historic district; it is surprising how much time one can spend pleasantly enjoying Dayton's many offerings. I sincerely hope you will make the time to take the trip someday

## New OCARC Members 2026

### JANUARY

|                              |                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>KJ6ZEY</b> Chris Chubbuck | <b>AA6RC</b> Morgan Fine     | <b>KK6OYR</b> Gregorio Valdivia  |
| <b>K6QQP</b> Randy Poth      | <b>N6IRN</b> Sepehr Sahraian | <b>KM6RTE</b> Scott MacGillivray |
| <b>Josh Berk</b>             |                              | <b>KO6LJY</b>                    |

### FEBRUARY

**KO6DUT** Debra Campbell

### MARCH

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>KO6MZU</b> Bijan Ghofranian | <b>KO6MMM</b> Brian Langley |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|

OCARC Membership Director  
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## 2026 Field Day

Field Day is one of the best ways to find out what Amateur Radio and the Orange County Amateur Radio Club is all about!!

Everything you need to know can be found at  
<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2026/2026-ARRL-FD-Packet.pdf>

Where ??? Spring View MS at 16662 Trudy Lane, Huntington Beach, CA  
When ??? June 27 & 28 (Setup Starts 10:00 am on June 26 and everyone is invited)

**Join us and become RADIO ACTIVE!!!**

Please email Ron W6WG at [w6wg@w6ze.org](mailto:w6wg@w6ze.org) if you have any questions or suggestions.

## OCARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2026-05-15

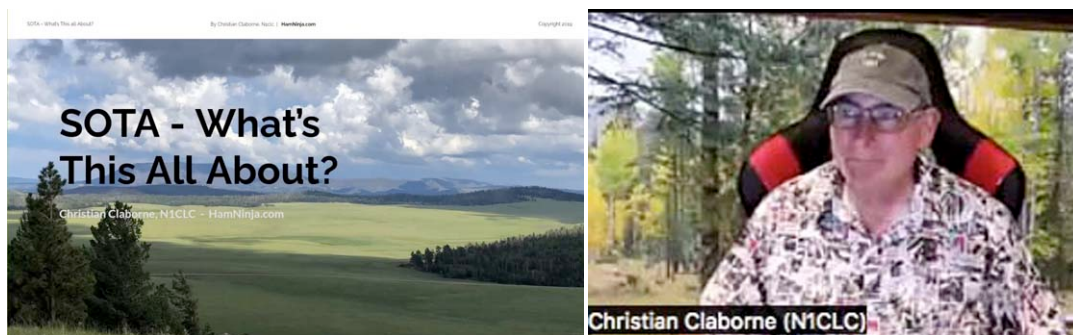
The fifth Regular Meeting of the year was on Friday, May 15, 2026, at the American Red Cross in Santa Ana, with Zoom for the presenter, and those who cannot attend in-person. The meeting was called to order by club president, Dan Violette KI6X, at 7:06 PM PDT. Thirty-one (31) members, guests, and visitors were present, with twenty-five (25) in-person and six (6) by Zoom, including our speaker, Christian Claborne N1CLC.

### Pledge of Allegiance

- Our president, Dan Violette KI6X, leads the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 PM PDT.

### Meeting Presentation

- Our vice president, Tim Goeppinger N6GP, presents our speaker, Christian Claborne N1CLC with "Summits on the Air."



**Fig 1 – Christian Claborne N1CLC May 2026 General Meeting**

- Christian calls for a question-and-answer period at the end of his presentation at 7:50 PM PDT. Eight (8) questions are answered.
- The presentation slides are available at:  
<https://w6sota.org/presentation>

### Recess

- Our president, Dan Violette KI6X, calls for a recess at 8:09 PM PDT.

### Remote Station Briefing

- After the recess, Dave Ginsberg N3BKV tells us about the remote station located at Janet KL7MF's QTH DM03. It is available through an online portal with a passcode. Members should contact Dave at N3BKV@w6ze.org if you would like to use it or get set up.

### Introductions

- Dan KI6X, starts the attendee introductions after the presentation, recess, and remote station briefing. Twenty-five (25) in-person members and visitors introduce themselves.

### Business Meeting

- Dan KI6X begins the Business Meeting at 8:30 PM PDT.



**Roll Call**

•Acting secretary, Corey Miller KE6YHX takes roll call for the Board Meeting. Eight (8) Board Members are present for a quorum with the secretary and director-at-large #1 absent.

**Director Reports****Vice President Report**

•Tim Goeppinger N6GP reports the June General Meeting will be on ARRL Field Day and another shorter program is in the works.

**Membership Report**

•Ron Mudry W6WG reports we have 105 members.

**Publicity Report**

•Michael Mastrianni KO6FAR reports we are on the ARRL Web Site for Field Day.

**Activities Report**

•Our activities chairman, Corey Miller KE6YHX, reports he will not be attending the November 20, 2026, General Meeting, and will need someone to fill in with refreshments. The raffle will be held in June, August, and September.

**ARRL Field Day 2026**

•Ron Mudry W6WG, our Field Day Chairman, is via Zoom and is having microphone problems. Dan KI6X summarizes the table of Field Day points and responsibilities. Ron steers the conversation through hand signals.

•Dan KI6X has the Field Day Spreadsheet on-screen. We will be 5A. We will have 2 Phone, 2 CW, 1 Digital FT8, a VHF/UHF station, a satellite station, and a GOTA station. We are looking for someone to captain the GOTA station. Dana Roode K6NR will captain the CW stations; Dan KI6X will captain 20M Phone; Ron W6WG will captain 10, 15, and 40M Phone. Milt Garb N6MG will captain Digital. Harold Valenzuela KO6HRN will captain the VHF/UHF station. Dave N2BKV will run the satellite station.

Dan summarizes the Bonus Points:

-The spot for the Educational Activity (100 bonus points) is open.

-We need to ask for a visit from an Elected Official.

•John Gabler N6GTQ will be our Safety Officer.

•Ron W6WG will be in charge for Friday.

•Dan KI6X will be in charge Saturday.

•Harold KO6HRN will be in charge of Sunday Operations.

•Rick Soikkeli N6NH will be in charge of food. There will be a Donation Jar to offset the cost. If we do steaks, we will charge in advance for each.

**Show and Tell**

•Fred Osterman W0PE demonstrates the sound of NXPV VHF/UHF Digital, through a repeater on Santiago Peak.

**Good of the Club**

•Ken Simpson W6KOS hosted a VE Session today. We had one (1) person pass with 100% in about 10 minutes.

•Tim N6GP reports we, W6ZE, won Winter Field Day.

**Ask the Elmer**

There are no Ask the Elmer questions, tonight.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn is made, seconded and carried at 8:47 PM PDT.

--Respectfully submitted by Corey KE6YHX OCARC Acting Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes May 30<sup>th</sup> 2026

Meeting held at the Streamliner Lounge, 186 Atchison Street, Orange, CA, and called to order by President, Dan KI6X, at 8:15 AM. All Board members present except our two Directors-at-Large, AJ W6OTO, and Dave N3BKV. Three visitors present: Joyce KN6UKJ, Ken W6HHC, and Bob AF6C.

No reports provided by Vice-President, Secretary, or Technical. Treasurer, Tim N6TMT, reports the current financial status will be available in the next RF. The Club's CD renews the last week of June, and it was recommended the best renewal term be chosen at that time.

Activities Director, Corey KE6YHX, acting as Secretary at the last General Meeting, is sorting through the items noted for the next RF, and confirmed the next opportunity drawing will be at the June meeting.

Publicity Director, Michael KO6FAR, has spread the word to local news agencies about Field Day, and is attempting to establish contact with Boy Scouts of America for involvement in that area. Any and all recommendations in that regard are appreciated.

Membership Manager, Ron W6WG, advises membership currently at 107.

Nothing of note for the Monthly Planner Review other than Field Day, as President, Dan KI6X, has been adjusting the various reminders each month to fall within appropriate time frames more accurately.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Newsletter Editors:** June, Tim N6TMT; July, Michael KO6FAR; August, Tom AK6GR.

**Entertainment:** June meeting will focus exclusively on Field Day. For the July meeting, a Firewatch presentation is tentatively scheduled.

**OCARC Remote Station:** Approximately 29 hours of use for the month by Dan KI6X, Tom AK6GR, and Harold W6HAR. Dan KI6X discussed with Ron W6WG CW operation.

**Field Day 2026:** Budget approved of \$750. \$285 cash needs to be available to pay for tents Sunday. Donations for food will be suggested at the General Meeting as a container of some sort will be passed around, and at the Field Day site if a contribution was not already made. Debbie W7UOX will be handling both pick-up and return of equipment to and from storage. Two extra coffee pots or urns would be helpful. Wayne Yoshida KH6WZ has been contacted and will be the educational guru on site. Dan KI6X is attempting to contact OCHEART, an ARES-affiliated group, to have a rep attend, and every effort should be made to earn the youth points. Dana K6NR

is donating a C3E antenna to the club to use for Field Day and to keep/store for future use for same. We still need laptop computers. Michael KO6FAR volunteered to setup the information desk/table and make sure the club sign and posters are all in place.

It was agreed to table discussion of the clean up of Nicholas' storage unit for auction items until after Field Day.

Meeting temporarily paused at 9:03AM and restarted at 9:35AM after breakfast.

**Ham Radio Sales @ General Meetings:** Starting in July, with a limit of the number of items that can be offered (suggested 2 max), and perhaps the number of people offering, and the RF will note a reminder each month. This should not take up much of the regular meeting time; each individual can describe each item with the hoped-for price, and items can be looked over during the break. Hopefully this will help control the number of items that will come up for bid in October.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jeff KK6YUP, has a conflict in September and will not be able to greet us at the door for the meeting. It was suggested, since the VE team arrives early while employees are still in the building, they make one of their group available for phone access and, when called, let in the first club member arrivals. At that point, one of the club members can watch the door and be the greeter.

Director Dave N3BKV floated a suggestion by email to assist members by sending renewal emails directly to any member whose license is about to expire. The Board agreed and suggested 90-60-30 day (+overdue?) notices. At the moment, Dave is taking care of these notifications. A reminder was mentioned that the club callsigns expire in August 2027.

Discussion followed regarding rescheduling the Board Meeting that falls on July 4. Earlier puts it into Field Day and later (July 11) puts it too close to the General Meeting but might be do-able. It was suggested also the possibility of having it at someone's home early the week after the 4<sup>th</sup>. This would also mean notice of deadlines for articles for the RF would have to be sent out the week after Field Day (early).

### **GOOD OF THE CLUB:**

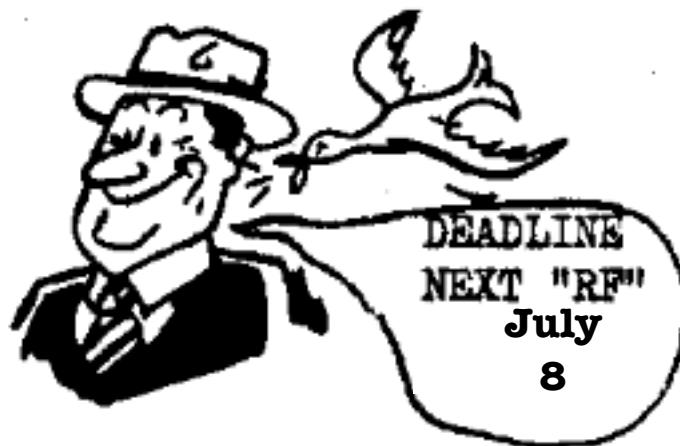
Bob AF6C would appreciate any input about the website to help keep it as current as possible. Ken W6HHC and Bob AF6C were in attendance to bring up the subject of the Kei Yamachika W6NGO Trust Fund. With approximately \$5300 in funds, as trustees they would like to turn it over to the club as the W6NGO Memorial Fund, especially (although not exclusively) to support Field Day expenses. Details will be worked out with Treasurer Tim N6TMT for a separate account, and some restructuring will need to be written into the Treasurer's manual to keep the intent clear in the future.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Submitted by OCARC Secretary, Janet Margelli KL7MF

**OCARC Cash Flow**  
**Ending May 31, 2026**

| Cash Flow            | 1/1/2026-<br>5/31/2026 |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>INFLOWS</b>       |                        |
| Badge Income         | 5.00                   |
| Dues 2026            | 645.00                 |
| Dues, PayPal 2026    | 1410.00                |
| Opp Drwg Income      | 100.00                 |
| Refreshments Income  | 148.37                 |
| TOTAL INFLOWS        | 2,308.37               |
| <b>OUTFLOWS</b>      |                        |
| Lazer Pointer        | 35.55                  |
| PayPal Fees          | 65.72                  |
| Prizes               | 305.88                 |
| Refreshments Expense | 199.73                 |
| Software License     | 77.88                  |
| Speakers Meal        |                        |
| Reimbursement        | 49.06                  |
| Website              | 115.40                 |
| WFD Food             | 130.00                 |
| WFD Gift             | 22.00                  |
| WFD Propane          | 77.65                  |
| WFD Tent Rental      | 220.00                 |
| TOTAL OUTFLOWS       | 1322.72                |
| OVERALL TOTAL        | 985.65                 |



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